

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging that claims 1-23 are allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered at least because they do not raise any new issues requiring further search or consideration.

Claim 24 is currently being amended.

This amendment changes a claim in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-26 are now pending in this application.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,912,390 (“Anderson”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,879,820 (“Bjelland”). In response, without agreeing or acquiescing to the rejection, Applicant has amended independent claim 24 to include allowable limitations that are similarly recited in allowable claim 1. On page four of the Final Office Action, the Examiner agreed that the cited references do not disclose “wherein said device that takes partial charge of the process of said control plane holds in advance at least one item of cell information, said cell information held in common with said user-plane processing device” as claimed in amended claim 24.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn and claim 24 be allowed. Further, claims 25 and 26 depend from independent claim 24 and should be allowed for the reasons set forth above without regard to further patentable limitations contained therein.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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